

**Rubbery Figures  
switch to Seven  
after proving too  
costly for the ABC**

THEY'RE the two newest recruits for Seven's soon-to-screen comedy show *Fast Forward*.

And if they look just a little familiar it's because they're among the best-known faces out of the satirical series *Rubbery Figures*, which screened on the ABC until late last year.

In a cost-cutting exercise, *Rubbery Figures* was dropped. The ABC simply could not justify the funds allocated to this area, given the small part it played in their overall programming.

But the talented team from *Rubbery Figures* have found a new home. They're about to pop up on the soon-to-be-unveiled one-hour-a-week comedy program *Fast Forward*. The show will be headed by funnyman Steve Vizard, who has such faith in the new program he turned his back on his legal career to concentrate on comedy.

Steve has already recruited former *D-Generation* team members Magda Szubanski and Margaret Downey, along with Rod Quantock, Steve Blackburn (of *Tim and Debbie* fame), Peter Moon, Trevor Farrant and Alan Pentland.

Peter Nicholson, *Rubbery Figures* creator and writer-producer, will be joined by Paul Jennings, who supplies the puppets' voices, director Leigh Tilson, art director

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● Bob Hawke (above) and John Elliott as they appear in *Rubbery Figures*, which will now screen on Seven as part of the new *Fast Forward* comedy show.

Cynthia Mann and puppeteers Esther Haskell and Cassie Serpell.

"The idea is to have short spots interspersed throughout the show — unlike the self-contained segment *Rubbery Figures* was on the ABC," Peter says.

"I'm just delighted Seven were able to come up with the money the ABC could not. I don't know how Steve did it but I'm very pleased.

"This gives us a much broader scope and the chance to get to a bigger audience."